(d) if so, the time by which Government propose to take action in this regard; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Does not arise.

Facilities for Tourists in National Zoological Park and Wild Life Sanctuaries

3246. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of the National Zoological Parks and Wild Life sanctuaries in the country;

(b) whether any target was fixed to extend the residential and other facilities for the tourists in these parks and sanctuaries during the Seventh Five Year Plan;

(c) if so, the names of the parks and sanctuaries in which residential accommodation has been provided; and

(d) the details of the other facilities provided in these parks and sanctuaries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) There are 70 national parks and 411 wild life sanctuaries in the country. There is only 1 National Zoological Park, which is located at Delhi.

(b) No such target had been fixed.

(c) and (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[*English*]

Hike in Price of Text Books

3247. SHRI J. CHOKKA RAO : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government are aware that the students in Andhra Pradesh are agitating for the steep hike in the prices of Text Books;

(b) whether the increase in prices of Text books is due to the Union Government not supplying the entire quota of paper required for printing of text books; and

(c) if so, the quantity of paper requested for by the Andhra Pradesh State Government during 1990-91 and 1991-92 and the quantity supplied together with the reasons for shortfall in the releases, if any?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) News paper reports about the increase in the prices of text books in Andhra Pradesh have come to the notice of the Government.

(b) and (c) Till 31st March, 1990 there was a scheme for subsidised supply of White Printing Paper for the production of school text books and exercise books. The scheme was discontinued thereafter. Even when the scheme was in operation, the requirements of White Printing Paper were only met partially.